

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/054,689) Group Art Unit: 3693
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Filed: November 13, 2001) Our Account No.: 04-1403
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For: VIRTUAL FINANCIAL AID OFFICE) Customer ID No.: 22827

Harry Weber Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

1. I, Harry Weber, am the sole inventor of the above-captioned application, and I make this Declaration based on my first hand knowledge.
2. I am the President of Weber & Associates, Inc., which I believe to be the assignee of the above-captioned application.
3. Prior to January 3, 2001, I conceived of a concept for implementing a web-based application for providing a multi-level financial aid system featuring integrated and automated on-line financial aid features specific to a given educational institution to a user.
4. A web-based application adapted to my concept contemplates the inclusion of an information collection service/feature for obtaining personal and financial aid information about one or more given students.
5. A web-based application adapted to my concept also contemplates the inclusion of a financial aid estimation service/feature for evaluating the information obtained via an information collection service and generating a predicted amount of

monetary aid that may be available for the student to use for education-related expenses at a given educational institution.

6. A web-based application adapted to my concept further contemplates the inclusion of a federal link service/feature for receiving an electronic copy of an Institutional Student Information Report (ISIR) document for a given student.

7. A web-based application adapted to my concept further contemplates the inclusion of a service/feature for comparing information obtained via an information collection service and a given student's ISIR document.

8. A web-based application adapted to my concept further contemplates the inclusion of a service/feature for determining an authorized amount of financial aid that a given student is eligible for at the given educational institution.

9. A web-based application adapted to my concept further contemplates the inclusion of a service/feature for providing an award notice to a given student based on a determination of authorized financial aid eligibility.

10. A web-based application adapted to my concept further contemplates the inclusion of a reporting service/feature, available to a given educational institution, for generating reports of selected students and their respective financial aid packages.

11. Prior to January 3, 2001, I reduced to practice an embodiment of a web-based application for providing financial aid features, used in conjunction with the "SFAPC" name. This particular web-based application included a financial aid estimator, information collection feature and related PIN application feature, electronic communication feature, report generator feature, and others, as evidenced in screenshots provided to the USPTO in my service mark application for SFAPC filed on

January 3, 2001 and now issued as Service Mark Reg. No. 2,507,257. Copies of such screenshots from the service mark file wrapper are included as Appendix A.

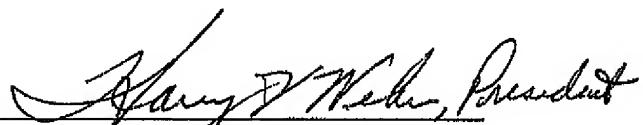
12. Prior to January 3, 2001, I prepared initial flow charts and related documentation identifying the specific software-based functionality of the subject virtual financial aid system. A copy of such flow charts and related documentation is submitted herewith as Appendix B.

14. From a period of time beginning with conception of this invention at a time prior to January 3, 2001, until the filing of the subject patent application (USSN 10/054,689) on November 13, 2001, I was diligent in constructively and actively reducing my invention to practice having actual working prototypes that I continued to develop.

15. In addition to the activities above during a period of time beginning with conception of this invention at a time prior to January 3, 2001, until the filing of the subject patent application (USSN 10/054,689) on November 13, 2001, I met with patent counsel to explain my invention, and provided supplemental materials to assist in conducting a patentability search and in preparing the patent application. I reviewed the patentability search results, reviewed a draft of the patent application prepared by counsel, supplied comments and suggested revisions to draft application materials, and approved a final draft of the regular utility patent application for filing with the USPTO.

16. The undersigned being warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the captioned application or any patent resulting therefrom, declares that all statements made of his

own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are
believed to be true.



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